

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING, ACCESSING AND
PAYING FOR THE USE OF COPYRIGHTED ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 The present invention provides a method for identifying copyrighted content on a network to help ensure legal uses of the copyrighted content. The method includes searching a network for steganographically embedded content based on predetermined information; comparing data extracted from located content to the predetermined information; and, if the extracted data matches the predetermined information, verifying with a database

10 whether the located content has been licensed for on-line uses.